



Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Group Art Unit: 1754

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

VOGEL ET AL.

Group Art Unit: 1754

Application No.: 09/645,554

Examiner: S. HENDRICKSON

Filed: August 25, 2000

Title: FURNACE CARBON BLACK, PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION AND USE THEREOF

January 7, 2004

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

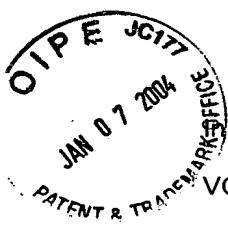
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Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated November 7, 2003, wherein the pending claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

**FEES**

The fee for claims and extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17) has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	1	-	20 = 0 x \$ 18.00	= \$ 0.00
INDEP.	1	-	3 = 0 x \$ 86.00	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 290.00 = \$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE				\$ 0.00
GRAND TOTAL				\$ 0.00

**FEE PAYMENT**

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$0.00 to Deposit Account No. 033975. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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